



The Weekly Review of the Rotary Club of Hilo



Alberta Dobbe subbed for our **President Richard Johnson**, and after a little tussle with the microphone batteries, she asked **Mitch Roth** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corey Kuwamoto inspired us with 3 reflections.



1. Well done is better than well said
Corey's bookmarks were the best; we were all fascinated by the \$20 dollar bookmarks.
2. (This one reminds me of **Tom Brown**) A friend can tell you things you don't want to tell yourself
3. Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off.



Gail gave an update on **Bobby Stivers-Apiki's** condition. After going through some tests on Oahu, he is back home in Hilo and we should keep him in our prayers. Please do send him best wishes.



Cindy Boots and **Marsha** were our greeters and **Marsha** introduced the guests: **Charlene Meyers** our Assistant District Governor from the Volcano club. **Steve Handy** introduced **Mr. Dennis Simonis**, our non-member of the Hilo Rotary Club Foundation. **Tina Jimenez** was introduced by **Cindy Boots**. **Tina** helped at the Brewfest and is interested in joining us. **Mitch Dodo** introduced his wonderful mom, **Beverly**.

We also had distinguished guests from our two charities: Friends of the Children's Justice Center: **Robin Benedict**, **Jill Jacunski**, **Jane Webb**, and **Geri Santiago**. Hilo Medical Center Foundation: **Julie Tulang**, **Dr. Kristine McCoy**, and **Lisa Ranz**.

Alan Kusunoki followed up **Charlene's** presentation with "Out of our 69 members, 40 of us have already donated to the Rotary Foundation. Only 29 of us still need to put in a little bit of money so that we can get our **EBREY** banner again. I think we're four years running that we've been an **EBREY** club. I have a list here of all those who have not done it yet. I also have the list here of the total that you have donated into the Rotary Foundation, and we are doing very,very well. We are above the norm as far as our commitment that we as a club said we would be donating. If you're curious about how much we need in order to get to the next level -- a **100% Paul Harris** fellow club. Only our newer members are not Paul Harris fellows yet, so if you're curious, please take a look. Finally I just wanted to thank all of you for what you do for the Foundation, because it does wonderful things not only the international part, but locally as well."



Upcoming Events

Nov 17th - 11am - Kamana Senior Center Lunch
Tom Brown urged all of us to join in. We've been doing this lunch for close to 30 years. It's always good fun.
Nov 28th -- NO Meeting
Dec 13th -- Bell Ringing at Macy's



Nancy reminded us that we will probably do a little healthy competition again this year, so even if you can't make it that day, please bring your contributions so we can "stuff the can." **Kerry Glass** noted that "we kicked butt last year." No club anniversaries.

BIRTHDAYS

Rand Mundo (absent)

Mike Robinson - "I'm pleased to announce that we got our second check for the Hilo Park project from the South Pahoa Club. Now there's a club that's in trouble, but they still stepped up and gave us their donation as planned." "With regards to my birthday. If you remember a couple months ago I said I would donate a little more money because I had hit the rule of 85. And **Chuck Porter** reminded me that I had to be 65 to do that. Well now I'm 65. So I have \$85 and I was going to give it to the International Foundation, but then everybody's been asking me about what's this with my hair. Just to calm everybody down: I'm not becoming hippie, I'm not smoking pot, and I'm not undergoing a sex change. I'm just feeling pretty young these days, so this is for the **Hilo Youth Foundation**."



Randy Hart celebrated his birthday by giving \$61 to the **Fiji Project**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

November 13th: **Gene** and **Julia Tao** celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. We must ask them their secret.

SPECIAL HONOR

Russ Oda gave me some information about one of our great members and I need to recognize Coach **Jimmy Yagi**. He was in the UH Magazine for Alumni and Friends (Fall 2014), and there's a big article in it called "Coach's Corner". But then, we got into a double honor, because the Pacific Buddhist Academy "Lighting Our Way" and at their ninth annual awards will be honoring **James Yagi**. Humble, as always, **Coach Yagi** deflected the honors by saying he was now a "cash cow."



Birthdays:

Rand Mundo November 8
Mike Robinson November 8
Randy Hart November 12
Kerry Glass November 22

Club Anniversary:

Kathleen McGilvary November 1, 2013 (1)
Bob Fujimoto November 16, 1959 (55)

Wedding Anniversary:

Gay & Chuck Porter Nov. 7 (22)
Gene & Julia Tao Nov. 13 (51)
Susan Munro & Kerry Glass Nov. 22 (29)

Announcements:

Fri. November 21 -Perry Springman
World Vision & Child Sponsorship in
3rd World countries
Fri. November 28 - No Meeting
Fri. December 5 - Christine Makaewao
Hilo Trails Project
Fri. December 12 -Ms Springer Kaye
Invasive species affecting Hawaii
Fri. December 19 - Cindy Boots
Holiday Cheer!!
Fri. December 26 - No Meeting
Fri. January 2 - No Meeting
Fri. January 9 - Kaohinani Miyashiro
Hope Services Hawaii
Fri. January 16 - Club Administrative Day

President Richard Johnson
President Elect Wally Wong
Immediate Past President Kerry Glass
Vice President Mitchell Dodo
Secretary Susan Munro
Treasurer Corey Kawamoto
Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Boots
Membership Christina Dhillon
Public Relations Alberta Dobbe
Rotary Foundations Alan Kusunoki
Club Service Tom Brown
International Service Jenny Johnson
Community Service Misti Tyrin
Youth Service Glenn Harris
Vocational Service Biff Kennedy

HAPPY DOLLARS

Tom Brown \$5

ex-member **Paul Dahlquist** on Wheel of Fortune congrats to **Mitch** and our ex-member for winning on Wheel of Fortune

Mitch Roth \$40



Downplayed his starring performance on Wheel of Fortune and chose to spotlight two other worthy events. First, the second of two Veterans' Treatment Courts opened on Monday, November 10th, so now we have one in Kona and one in Hilo.

Second, he was so proud of his son **Aaron** who is a member of the Waiakea High School Robotics team. The WHS team competed in the 23rd International Micro Robot Maze Contest held in early November in Japan, and they took the top awards in most of the competition. Waiakea was one of only two high schools to compete against university students from 8 different countries. There were four different rounds with 160 competitors. Waiakea tied for First and Third place in the "Fully Autonomous Micro Robot Maze" and they won the Best Design Award in the "Micro Robot Racer" category. **Mitch** acknowledged that the teachers -- **Dale Olive** and **Eric Hagiwara** -- have been instrumental to the program and he hopes that the club can find a way to appreciate their efforts.

Kerry Glass \$10



"Over the past umpteen weeks my daughter has been going through the nightmare of 'sell one house, buy another house without any contingent conditions.' Although she was able to find her new house in 3 days, closing has been difficult. "I just got a text from her that the sale of her old house closed earlier this week, and just now the purchase of her new house closed but the recording won't be done till Monday. I'm so happy for her; she's going to be moving into her new Oakland Hills / Montclair house on Monday."

Nancy Cabral \$382.14



"I'm happy for our Brewfest success and for **Kerry** not getting into real estate. But I'm looking at those numbers and we're so close to **\$10,000** and that's what we want, right? So I have a check (if my math is correct) for **\$382.14** to bring those

totals up."

Charlene Myers, our ADR \$5

Charlene had chicken skin, because to date we have sold **\$30,000** worth of the color-changing volcano coffee mugs, and the Gates Foundation has matched that amount two-to-one for a grand total of **\$90,000** to the **Rotary Club's Polio Plus** project. She urged us "Don't stop now. I have ten cases coming in; Oahu only has two cases



left. It's really exciting because if you just show them to people, they will buy them. Some of you have asked me for a mug without a log on it for those recipients (Lions' Club members for example) who would love one but don't appreciate the Rotary logo the way we do."

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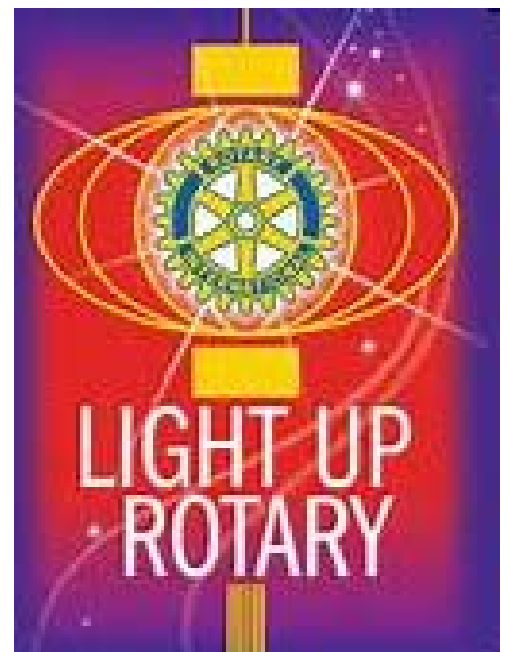
Thank you for donating turkeys to our Thanksgiving effort. Thanks to **Nancy** for offering and giving us a space for our Angel Tree program. Thank you all for your help as well



Recap of Brewfest 2014 by **Kerry Glass**

"June 14th of this year we had our second Brewfest, and what an absolute success it was. We had 1,048 people walk in the door that day; that was 200 or something more than we had in the first Brewfest. What we did find was that the venue held it quite easily. It was never overcrowded; we had no complaints about the crowd. We had a new VIP section this year which was an absolute success, so hopefully we will continue along that same line next year

This year we also elected to do two beneficiaries of the proceeds, and **Steve** will talk a little more about the financials. Basically what we've done in the past is we take the net of the event, and we end up giving 60% to community beneficiaries and 40% is retained by our **Hilo Rotary Club Foundation** which is used for other projects, both locally and internationally as well. At the beginning of the process, we decided to solicit the club and ask "who do you think we ought to give money to. And, overwhelmingly it came back to two organizations.



Photos by **Mitchell Dodo**

In no particular order, they were:

The Hilo Medical Center Foundation

We have been contributing to them over three Embalmers' Balls, and now the two Brewfests.

The Friends of the Children's Justice Center

This is an organization that the club has been a part of and working with, and on the board of for years and years and years supported for a number of years, and it's one that we think just does a fantastic job.

Two organizations: one that deals with our health and the other that deals with our children. It just doesn't get any better than that. We are tickled to death that we are able to support them.

I wanted to particularly thank some individuals for their efforts this year, because the Brewfest would not have happened without them. **Ian Hatch** was the Chair of the event this year and a big organizer. And, of course, we wouldn't have gotten anywhere, if it wasn't for our Brewfest founder, **Bob Hanley**. He is the Chair Emeritus, Founder Emeritus. He had all the contacts. He knows all the people. He can pick good beer. He knows all that stuff, so that is great work. Also **Treena Breyfogle**, she did all the volunteer coordination. We had 116 volunteers at the event this year, of which 34 came from the club. (**Kerry** asked all the club members who volunteered to stand.)

And then also, of course, I'd like to thank my sweet, precious, dear wife: **Susan**. **Susan** is the one who kept me focused last year, and really helped keep us focused last year on the Brewfest, as well.

Brewfest Financials by **Steve Handy**



Good afternoon everyone. Hope you are all having a good day! I am, because I like to give money away.

But first of all in all seriousness, I just wanted to say **"thank you"** to the Brewfest Committee, to the Chair, **Ian Hatch**, who can't be here today because his son is sick, so our prayers go out to him. I'd also like to thank **Bobby** (without him we wouldn't have the beer). Of course, **Kerry** and **Susan**, **Richard** and **Jenny**, and **Alan Kusunoki** who was the finance chair. We appreciate all your hard work. **Treena** and **Misti** did a great job with the volunteers.

I'd also like to thank all the sponsors this year starting with **C&S Construction**, and **Cowboy**. Thank you. **Cindy Boots**--thank you very much for your sponsorship. Also like to thank **Nancy Cabral** and **Day Lum** for their support. I'm going to have to say thank you to **Orchid Isle Ford** first, and then **Big Island Toyota**. And we can't forget **Walters Electric** and also, **Lex Brodie**. Thank you very much. **Big Island Delights**, **Hilo Rice Noodle**, and **Subway**.

I know you're really itching to know the total numbers and what we're getting. The money we made off the ticket sales and our sponsorship money came out to **\$63,360.00**
GREAT JOB!

Next year, let's shoot for \$100,000. Our total expenses were **\$30,663.58** This resulted in a net profit of **\$32,696.42**
WOW!!!

I really need to point out to the rest of you in the club that the Brewfest Committee did a fantastic job of staying on budget, so **GOOD JOB!** Thank you very much.

And now for the breakdown, we've got the checks here, but they're wrong, so we're going to have to change them.

The Hilo Medical Center Foundation was going to get **\$9,808.93**, and the **Friends of the Children's Justice Center** was going to get **\$9,808.93** but now they're going to get **\$10,000** each. We know that the money will be well spent.

The Hilo Rotary Club Foundation--our net is going to be **\$13,078.56** which means all our projects will be funded this year.

I just want all of you to realize just how important this event is, because without this event, we basically could not do anything. So thank you very much for all your hard work.



Charlene made a special presentation of the **EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)** club for 2014 to past President **Kerry Glass**.